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"THE THINK PIECE"
News of the Annual Meeting

One of the assumptions about each issue of the Newsletter during the last few years has been that there should be what is semi-jokingly referred to on the 16th floor at "475" as the "think piece." I am not quite sure where this term originated. Is it perhaps the "hidden persuaders" of our IBM dictating machines and typewriters that have dinned their motto "THINK" into our semi-or sub-conscious? (This is being written by hand although it will undoubtedly need the ministries of IBM before it meets your eyes).

I am now no longer sure I know what a "think piece" is. I had assumed it was some sort of an abstract, serious piece, dealing with a major problem and which was supposed to make the reader sit up and think. (Probably like sermons it made the writer do more thinking than the reader.) But what does having a special "think piece" do to the rest of the "Newsletter"? Are news items not to make one think? And if they don't, what are we to make of the New Testament? This is nothing but a collection of news items - the good news. And it certainly made many people down through the ages think - so much so that their lives were changed. Have we in our compartmentalized world tended too much to separate our thinking from our news? Is this perhaps one of the maladies of the modern church, that its thinking has too little relation to the news - both the good and the bad?

Thus this issue's "think piece" is going to be about a news item - the annual meeting of the Corporation of the UCBWM. Two things influenced it - the fact that it met in Washington, D. C. and that General Synod meets next June. No, there was a third that God's Holy Spirit was at work in and through our discussion, our speaking and listening, our deciding. This is certainly one way He works although at times we may have resisted His prodding.

The Corporation of the UCBWM is appointed by the General Synod and reports to it. It can also speak to General Synod. What it wants to say, particularly in the field of finances, was carefully considered. Since the merger, the budget of the Board has been a budget of faith - faith in the future. Annual budgeted expenditures have continually been greater than current budgeted income. This difference has been met by using Unrestricted Invested Funds reserves of the Board. This was done deliberately in the hope that once the process of reorganization was over, the giving of the members of the UCC to Our Christian World Mission and thus to Basic Support (from which 55% of the Board's income will come in 1967) would increase sufficiently to meet the budgeted needs. While the giving has increased in a steady, if not spectacular way, the portion of it going to the UCBWM has not increased.

For example, ten years ago from 55 - 60% of the total national benevolences of the two uniting churches went overseas. Today, only 34% of the total OCWM budget approved at the last General Synod is going overseas. This does not mean that money is being wasted here. The needs for mission in fields such as race, urbanization, student work, etc., by both State Conference and other instrumentalities have greatly increased.

With a concept of "mission on six continents," this country has become increasingly aware of and involved in the mission across frontiers within the USA. This situation was frankly faced in Washington, D.C. and will be brought forcefully to the attention of General Synod next year.

At the same time financial responsibility forced us to face the fact that Unrestricted Invested Funds (on which we have drawn in recent years) have now been reduced to a point below which faithful stewardship cannot permit them to go. The reluctant conclusion we had to draw was that over the next three years, the Board will have to make a substantial cut back in its budgeted program if it is to live within its current budgeted income. This is not a happy fact. No one likes it. It can be met in two ways. Either we lose heart, find fault, become discouraged and the relations between the Board and a host of persons around the world become strained and tense, full of misunderstanding. Or in mutual trust and sharing, we take this as the occasion to look carefully at the most effective way to use the resources we have on the cutting edges of God's mission around the world. I will not soon forget the talk of a Roman Catholic sister at the meeting of the Roman Catholic Mission Secretariat speaking on the "Poverty of Vocation." She said in effect "Perhaps we have all the vocations God wants us to have. After all our Lord only had twelve apostles. He could have had more. Perhaps God is telling us to use better those we have." The next twelve months may test the depths of our faith.

The fact that the Corporation met in Washington was also important. In such a diplomatic and political center, it was perhaps inevitable that the Board be concerned with some of the great "worldly" questions. The three main speakers, the Hon. Z.K. Matthews, Ambassador of Botswana to the UN and the USA, Dr. John Badeau, former US Ambassador to the United Arab Republic, and Eugene Carson Blake, the general secretary elect and now general secretary of the World Council of Churches, all dealt with aspects of Poverty and Affluences in the world setting. One afternoon was spent in "briefings" at the State Department and various embassies. There were resolutions on peace, international development, hunger, Vietnam. What was said is not as important as the fact that a mission board felt compelled to speak on them.

These are all indications of the fact that the mission of God is a much larger thing than that which we do as a Board. Unless we can see "our" work in the perspective of what God is doing in the total upheaval and sweep of history, in light of the great events (the news) of the world and His mighty acts, then we are not really thinking about what the good news of Christ really means. Either it is pertinent to this larger sweep and expresses its meaning there, or it is irrelevant nonsense and we are doing what a Chinese Christian leader said of much missionary endeavour "You are not scratching where we itch."

Robbins Strong

ASIA

Fertilizers En Route to India The first of three shipments of high analysis fertilizers left Galveston, Texas in September for Bombay, India. Purchased by Church World Service, the fertilizers will be distributed to farmers in nine areas where poor land prevents satisfactory harvests.

This major effort to increase food production in India is a joint operation of CWS and its Christian Rural Overseas Program, the World Council of Churches and AFPRO (action for Food Production). This is the joint service organization of Protestant, Roman Catholic, and voluntary agencies set up to increase food production in India.

Distribution will be made to farmers through 38 church-related agricultural projects in the Indian states of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujurat, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madras, Mysore, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal. The fertilizers valued at $210,862, will be delivered on loan, to be paid for eventually through the proceeds of increased production. The funds realized will be used by AFPRO to expand its programs in other needy areas.

India's Need for Water Reports that come to us from Central and Western India indicate that although the monsoon rains have not completely failed this year, following the disastrous failure last year, the crops will yield only 50% of what had been planned. This means that these areas will face another terribly hard year.

The United Church of Christ through the Service Division is taking part in a significant way in an emergency relief program as well as in a long-range planning program which contains the promise of diminishing these hardships in the future. Through the India Famine Relief Fund, which raised in a special offering approximately $305,783 (at this time of writing) the Board is participating in this program through Church World Service and AFPRO.

Central to the work of AFPRO is the provision of water to the village farmer. Without water, there is no use for seed, fertilizer or improved agricultural methods. The provision of water is at the heart of the task.

The UCBWM has joined with other members of AFPRO in a massive attempt to meet this need in the stricken areas to which the Board has been historically related, namely in Central India (Madhya Pradesh and Orissa) and in Western India (The American Marathi Mission). Already we have sent an engineering contractor from California who is expert in well drilling to advise as to the personnel and tools essential to the task. The Board has already pledged to AFPRO that it will bear its fair share with other denominations in providing the personnel and equipment that are needed.

A meeting of the AFPRO group has been called in New Delhi the week of December 5 in order to make nation-wide decisions concerning the commitments of various participating groups and the deployment of the men and equipment. This meeting is so important that the Rev. Telfer Mook, Regional Secretary for Southern Asia, will make a special trip to New Delhi to attend. The Board looks forward to the development of a program that, by providing water resources, will enable hundreds of villages to survive any future failure of the rains.

Japanese Artist's Work to Hang in White House A painting entitled "Jesus Healing The Sick" by Sadao Watanabe, will be hung in the White House at the request of Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson. Artist Watanabe is a member of the Kyodan's Mejiro Church.

Mr. Watanabe's work is receiving increasing international recognition. Working chiefly in wood block, he draws most of his themes from the Bible. In Japan, Mr. Watanabe is known for his cover designs for "Fukuin to Sekai" (Gospel and World), a monthly publication of the Shinkyo Publication Company.

Student Body at International Christian University a Cosmolitan Group

One hundred seventy five men and women from 23 countries joined Japanese students in the classroom and dormitory life at International Christian University last year. The overseas students came from the United States, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, Germany, England, Thailand, Australia, the Philippines, Argentina, Cameroon, Canada, Denmark, Ceylon, Finland, India, Indonesia, Israel, Malaysia, Pakistan, South Africa, Tanzania, and Turkey. They comprised 14 percent of ICU's student body of 1,293.

The 98-member faculty at the International institution includes American, British, Chinese, German, Korean, New Zealand and Swiss instructors as well as Japanese.

Overseas students at ICU are not segregated in any way. There are no separate classes, dormitories or other facilities for foreigners on the campus, and all students must learn Japanese.

Kyodan Silver Anniversary

The United Church of Christ in Japan (Kyodan) celebrated the silver anniversary of its founding at a General Assembly in Osaka on October 21-26, 1966. D.T. Niles, General Secretary of the East Asia Christian Council, addressed the delegates.

The Kyodan was formed in 1941 as a union of many diverse denominations and theological traditions. Though the Japanese Government's wartime unity effort provided immediate stimulus to organization of the United Church, the establishment of the new body had been preceded by years of discussion on the subject of church union by Japanese Christians. Several groups withdrew from the Kyodan in the new freedom following the war, but the church remains the majority body of Japanese Protestantism.

Preparations Underway for "Mission in Unity" Meeting

Representatives of the member bodies in the National Christian Council of Japan met in Tokyo on September 30 to prepare for a "Mission in Unity" conference in 1967. Purpose of the meeting in which Japanese church leaders will be joined by representatives of overseas groups, is to strengthen the role of the Japan NCC in the overall Christian witness to this nation, and to work for efficiency in shouldering evangelical and service responsibilities. Behind the "Mission in Unity" Conference is a desire to overcome weakness in the present position of the Japan NCC. Put briefly, the formation of the United Church of Christ in 1941 gave to one member of the Council a disproportionate weight of numbers and resources. A tendency within the Kyodan to conceive of itself as performing some functions of a "Council" joins with concern over Kyodan influence in smaller groups outside its jurisdiction to hamper the development of the Japan NCC. Increasingly, however, all NCC-affiliated bodies are coming to understand that lack of meaningful joint action and consultation limits effectiveness in witness at home and influence abroad.

Practical Method for Combatting Poverty

Hong Kong, in common with much of the world, faces the problem of the unskilled worker. In the long run these people will be helped to help themselves if given training. A positive contribution to the permanent solution of this problem is adequate vocational training for youth. A Ten Year Development Plan was adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Church of Christ in China, Hong Kong Council, which was: "Vocational training is the most positive and practical method for combatting poverty. The Council feels that one of the most serious problems in Hong Kong is the number of children aged 12 to 14 who have no opportunity to go to school and yet are not eligible to work in factories because they have not reached the legal age of employment. These young people have, therefore, tended to become idle, to rove in the street and are usually tempted and used by the criminal element to commit petty crime, becoming 'teddy' boys, thus causing trouble in society. In order to solve this serious problem in Hong Kong today, one of the fundamental solutions is to set up additional training centers. Therefore, the Council has decided to plan and build a vocational training center at Lo Fu Ngam, with the main purpose of giving children between the ages of 12 and 14 elementary vocational training and to provide a center for vocational training for adults so that they might learn some skills to earn their own living."

UNITED STATES

20th Anniversary of Church World Service

The 20th Anniversary of Church World Service constitutes a glowing chapter in the history of the church in this country. Virtually every country on the globe has felt the compassionate CWS presence in time of distress. Upward of 200,000,000 people of all colors and faiths have found CWS in its midst in periods of travail. Refugees, displaced persons, orphans, the sick, the hungry, all have experienced the helping hand of Christian compassion through this now veteran organization which acts on behalf of thirty Protestant and Orthodox denominations in the USA.

Early in October, hundreds of church officials and laymen gathered in the Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis from many parts of the country to launch the "Anniversary Year."

Dr. Reginald H. Helfferich, UCBWM General Secretary for Service, one of the two principal speakers said "We got CWS and CROP under way in 1946 after 'much blood, sweat and tears and little money to do it with'.

"Anyone traveling overseas to visit the many areas of acute need will learn quickly that those who receive want to earn it. They say in effect 'give me the tools to earn my bread so that I can preserve my manhood'.

"Just giving away doesn't work. Cold massive quantities from a massive government lacks the essential touch...giving must be accompanied by a little bit of love and understanding."

New Superintendent for Walker Homes

Mrs. Lee D. Bergsman has been appointed the superintendent of the Walker Missionary Homes in Auburndale, Massachusetts, as of November 15, 1966. In assuming her duties at the Walker Homes, Madge Bergsman will continue her close association with the Board for World Ministries. She and her late husband were missionaries of the Board in South Africa for eighteen years.

Mrs. Bergsman succeeds Mr. and Mrs. Maurice W. Belair, formerly of Rhodesia, who served as superintendents of the Homes for over three years and have now taken a post in Jeffersonville, Vermont.

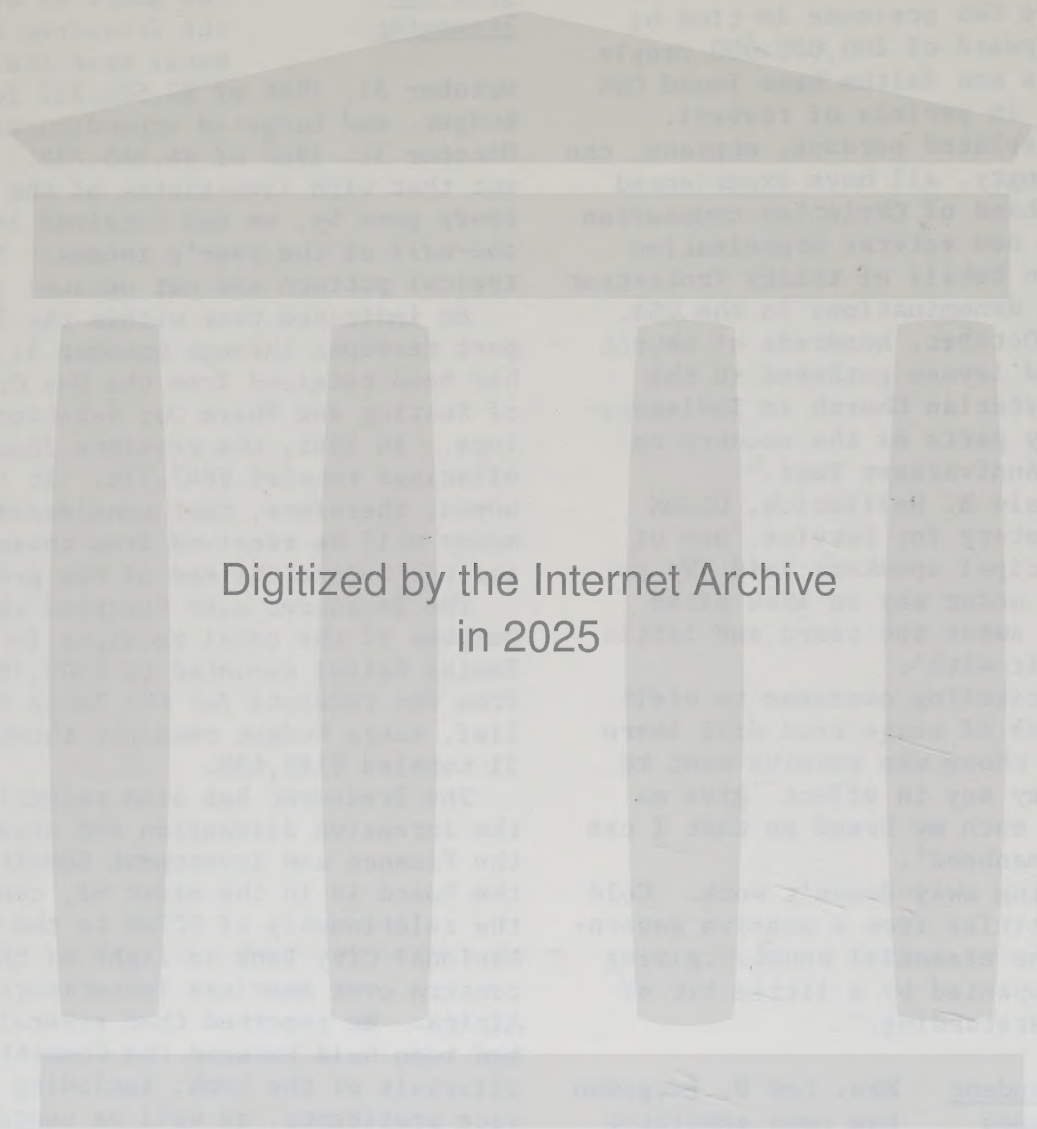
Financial News from the Treasurer

At the recent meeting of the Board of Directors, the Treasurer reported total receipts through October 31, 1966 of $2,586,232 for the budget, and budgeted expenditures through October 31, 1966 of $4,845,732. He pointed out that with five-sixths of the year already gone by, we had received less than one-half of the year's income. This is a typical pattern and not unusual in any way.

He indicated that within the Basic Support receipts through October 31, $751,258 had been received from the One Great Hour of Sharing and Share Our Substance offerings. In 1965, the receipts from these two offerings totaled $847,726. It is to be hoped, therefore, that considerable more money will be received from these two offerings before the end of the present year.

The Treasurer also reported that as of October 31 the total receipts for India Famine Relief amounted to $305,783. Apart from the receipts for the India Famine Relief, extra budget receipts through October 31 totaled $183,635.

The Treasurer has also recently reported the intensive discussion and study which the Finance and Investment Committee of the Board is in the midst of, concerning the relationship of UCBWM to the First National City Bank in light of the current concern over American investments in South Africa. He reported that several interviews had been held between the Committee and officials of the bank, including two of its vice presidents, as well as consultation with other overseas Boards who likewise are concerned. It is expected that in conjunction with representatives of these other overseas Boards, a series of consultations will be held with representatives of the First National City Bank on this subject in a mutual searching for a policy which will incur the least harm if not the most good for those to whom this Board has ministered in South Africa for so many decades.



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One of Teddy Buck's Dreams Comes True

Dr. Franklin Donaldson of the Chikore Mission, Rhodesia writes in a recent letter: "There are times when we cannot help feeling a deep pride in the work which has been done here and which still carries on. Yesterday we held an Educational Council Meeting. Of forty faces, only two were white. What a change from seventy years ago! Then missionaries built the schools, did all of the teaching, financed it all, and even gave gifts to people to send their children to school. Now all is reversed. Local communities build their own schools. There are now fifty-three separate outschools with over 13,000 school children in our area. Every primary teacher, and this year for the first time, each of the two managers, is African. It is at the secondary level that our missionary efforts are now concentrating, and even there the larger share of the responsibility is in African hands.

"For the first time in history the Sister Buck Memorial Hospital has an African nurse in charge. She is the former Sister Bessie Gata, now married to David Dhliwayo. She was trained in Edinburgh and returned a little over a year ago from Bates College and the University of Pennsylvania, which she had attended under UCBWM sponsorship. Needless to say, we are terribly proud of the work Sister Bess Dhliwayo is doing. This is the realization of one of our and Teddy Buck's dreams."

News from Angola

The following are excerpts from a letter from Miss Joyce B. Myers: "A great deal has happened since I wrote you. The main thing, in terms of my ministry, is that Dr. and Mrs. W. Sidney Gilchrist left in February for Canada, and I am now the director of the Bailundo Mission. I am also the only missionary left in the entire Bailundo area where, prior to 1961, there were usually five to seven missionaries. Being director includes responsibility for 612 villages - divided into 19 pastorates - with 15 pastors and over 23,000 church members; a 101-bed hospital and 96-bed tuberculosis sanatorium, 14 rural dispensaries; the station primary school and 28 other official schools as well as dozens of unofficial ones, etc.!!

"Actually though all is going well thanks to my African colleagues. Bailundo is the oldest, largest, most active church in Central Angola and has the largest number of trained, competent, dedicated leaders. Therefore, I'm director mainly in name, as we work as a team on all things and I fill the role of a 'fraternal worker' in the hands of the African church.

"Most of my time has been spent teaching in our annual leaders' courses. I enjoy these courses immensely and am especially grateful for the contact with the village leaders. We had had seven courses so far for over six hundred leaders. The courses were for pastors, domestic school teachers, youth leaders, women, midwives, Sunday school leaders, and catechists.

"One thing that I've worked hard at is trying to build up the Sunday schools. (Incidentally I know that some of you will object to the term "Sunday School" but we can't use "Church school" as that refers to the Primary schools under church control.) In the spring 18 leaders were here from the various pastorates for a two-week course. This fall they, in turn, are holding courses in each of their pastorates for village Sunday school teachers, teaching what they learned here at the mission. The response so far has been tremendous.

"I've been trying to visit our hospital three times a week and the tuberculosis sanatorium at least once a week. I look forward very much to these visits and find that they help the patients, but that I too am strengthened by the faith and courage that I find there."

Notice to Overseas Personnel - We are very happy to send you in the same mailing as the Newsletter a copy of the October 1966 issue of Social Action. This is the publication of the Council for Christian Social Action of the UCC. This issue is a description of what Elizabeth Johns, the editor, observed on her sabbatical leave trip around the world. It so happens the four of the five ministries she describes are ones in which the UCBWM is directly involved. We think you will find them of interest. Comments on this issue will be welcome.

EUROPE

CWS Nutrition Program Becomes Growing Industry

A poultry cooperative in Northern Greece may set an example for other developing communities throughout the world.

Eight years ago, 100 families in economically depressed Epirus region of Greece formed a poultry cooperative. It has increased annual production nearly 150 times. Most of the cooperative's members are still only part-time ranchers but their success has indicated poultry ranchers may become a stable industry in the Epirus region.

The program was introduced to the Epirus area in 1955 by nutritionists from the World Council of Churches who wanted to improve the diet of the Epirus residents. They surveyed the region and discovered the low economic level of the area kept meat consumption low. The WCC experts believed the protein intake could be increased if the villagers ate chicken and eggs.

The first chicks were donated by Heifer Project, Inc. and chickens have since flourished in the region. Backyard flocks increased in size and eventually the part-time chicken ranchers began to market their surplus birds in local towns. In 1958 a poultry cooperative was formed under sponsorship of WCC, the Greek Orthodox Church, and Church World Service. CWS was named overseer of the project.

During the first year approximately 2,500 birds were killed and dressed for sale. Today the same 100 families annually process about 400,000 chickens. "That's only a fraction of what they could produce," said E. Eugene Shephard, CWS poultry technician for the project.

Since Shephard went to work at Epirus, the ranchers have switched over from multiple brooding to an "all-in-all-out" brooding system. The changeover has resulted in bigger weight gains and less bird loss from disease.

Ultimately the cooperative's goals are to become self-sustaining. The members hope some day to produce their own hatching eggs and to cultivate their own chicken feed, as well as raise, kill, and market their broilers.

If their goals are accomplished, the cooperative will contribute greatly to the Greek meat supply and the sagging Epirus economy. It can be a model for further cooperative business developments throughout the world.

News From ACCUEIL FRATERNEL

As a center for missionary training and orientation, ACCUEIL FRATERNEL in Le Chambon is once again filled to capacity as the new school year begins. It might be of ecumenical interest to report here the make-up of the student body in terms of nationality and confession. The countries represented this fall are Germany, Norway, Canada, Denmark, and the USA. The churches and mission societies who send their missionaries to ACCUEIL are the following: American Lutheran Church, Mennonite Brethren Church in Canada, Methodist Church USA, United Presbyterian Church USA, Dienste in Uebersee, Germany, Norwegian Missionary Society (Lutheran), and the Episcopal Church USA.

The great diversity in background of the student body is encouraging. Daily study, prayer, and work together leaves undoubtedly a deep imprint upon these missionaries and leads to greater understanding and mutual appreciation. This in turn will help toward ecumenical cooperation in the field of mission where up to now hostility, mistrust, and sectarian isolation exist in a good many places.

The number of missionaries at ACCUEIL this fall-term is twenty-eight with ten children and babies. The stay at ACCUEIL will vary between three months and one year, depending upon the length of their term overseas, the type of activity in the mission-field, and the competence acquired in French language.

ACCUEIL FRATERNEL has increased its full-time French language teaching staff to four professors. A host of visiting faculty offer on a regular basis instruction in disciplines related to Christian mission in Africa, such as first aid and tropical hygiene, Islam and prophetic movements in Africa, missiology, and others.

A modern language laboratory of the audio actif-comparative type was installed this summer by the Philips Radio Company. This laboratory is now in full use and has already become too small. Plans for expansion are under consideration.

NEAR EAST

Aid Given Earthquake Victims — New relationships between the Turkish government and the World Council of Churches were established through the aid program following the earthquakes in eastern Turkey in August. The world church was there with others in immediate response. Mr. J.E.A. Bazalgette, the WCC representative in Turkey, has reported appreciation of help of Melvin Wittler and others of the Near East Mission. A WCC team of international volunteers is at work in the area building A-shaped houses, hoping to get villagers into shelter before the early cold snows. Church World Service asked for $25,000 as a U.S. contribution. In early November WCC reported total receipts and pledges from many nations of $175,377.

Missionary Children do their Bit — "All readers of the Newsletter would appreciate an article by someone about a missionary work being done by missionary children. This might be one of the most interesting articles about our work around the world!"

When Roxanne Scott graduated from the American Academy for Girls in Üsküdar in June, the Turkish Vice Principal pinned a Turkish flag on her in "recognition of her having been a bridge of understanding between the Turkish and American cultures representing the best of each to the other."

Robert Avery was awarded the Kaya Kaynar Cup at the Robert College commencement ceremonies in June in Istanbul. The cup is given to the graduating senior who has given outstanding service in the school. Robert is now a freshman at Kalamazoo College, and Roxanne Scott is a freshman at Carleton College.

Bruce Privratsky is doing "missionary work" in this country. He answered an article in an Oberlin paper which showed much less than a positive reaction and attitude by a fellow student who had visited Turkey in the summer. Bruce was given sophomore standing at Oberlin when he thought he was entering as a freshman; evidently his work at Deerfield Academy was even more outstanding than we knew, and we realized his excellent contribution there when we saw the Deerfield Annual which he had edited. Keep up the good work!

Nursing Aide Course in Gaziantep, Turkey — One of the functions of a medical mission institution is to teach and train local personnel. The Azariah Smith Memorial Hospital has been doing this since it was built in the 1880's. In earlier years the students were Christians. With the changing population it became harder and harder to find prospective students. Moslem families were unwilling to trust their daughters away from home for fear it would lessen their chance in life.

Has there been any changes in the view of other Gaziantep families? Yes. A girl from a well-to-do family will not go outside the home. However, many families of limited means are seeing that a girl can study in a respectable hospital, grow up in the process and then help the rest of the family. We now have three times as many applicants a year and most of these are local Gaziantep girls or from places nearby such as Maras or farther away from Kayseri or Mardin, Corum, or Izmir.

The government requirements have been increased so that now class hours are 715 for the two-year course. This year for the first time we are giving that much class work but only because the doctors are helping and both nurses and nurse aides are taking classes. Our own graduates are taking more responsible positions than in former years. During the twelve years since this course opened there have been 36 girls graduated.

I have been here since November 1959 and have seen a great improvement during these years. It is a cause for great satisfaction to me to have been part of this change. I feel that our hospital is helping these girls learn how to be responsible members of the community and to help the sick and needy of their country. Whether they are Moslem or Christian, they are giving of themselves in service.

Isabel Hemingway

LATIN AMERICA

Brazil's Japanese Christian Union Holds Retreat Sao Paulo, Brazil, was host to a retreat of Japanese ministers and laymen last summer, as representatives of the Japanese immigrant community met to discuss "Church and Mission."

In attendance at the overseas meeting were 80 Brazilian Japanese from churches of the Holiness, Free Methodist, Episcopalian, Kyodan, Lutheran, and Christian and Missionary Alliance denominations. Mr. Kentaro Buma, director of Japan Church World Service, Tokyo, was also in attendance.

Japanese Pastor Reports on Work in Bolivia Rev. Katsumi Yamahata, the first Japanese minister in Bolivia, has sent a report back to Kentaro Buma, Japan Church World Service Director.

Mr. Yamahata, who went to Bolivia in 1959, indicates that the first five years of his term were the most difficult. For some time the residents of the colony situated 100 km from Santa Cruz City, suffered from a lack of water. Later, when wells were dug, the 628 Japanese immigrant families progressed to where Mr. Yamahata was able to start a school and kindergarten.

The textbooks used in the school are sent from Japan. A school bus -- really a truck -- hauls youngsters to classes every day, and a 50-bed dormitory serves those who live at extended distances.

Dr. Scopes Installed as President of Theological College Dr. Wilfred Scopes was installed the first president of the United Theological College of the West Indies on October 19, 1966. This new college admits students for a regular four year course designed to provide training for the total work of the ministry, with a balanced program of theology and practical training. It is a union of the Union Theological Seminary (Baptist, Congregational, Disciples, Methodist, Moravian and Presbyterian), Calabar Theological College (Baptist) and St. Peter's Theological College (Anglican).

Negotiations for the realization of this union seminary have been going on for many years. In 1962 the Theological Education Fund voted a grant to help bring about the establishment of this college.

Finally in 1966, Dr. Scopes accepted the invitation to become its first president and was appointed by the UCBWM to a period of such service under the direction of the Theological Education Fund. The college received its first students in October, 1966 and will move into its own quarters in January, 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. Scopes were missionaries in South India. Dr. Scopes served on the staff of the WCC and until recently was associate minister of the Broadway United Church of Christ, New York City.

PACIFIC

U.S. Dept. of Interior Commends New School The District Administrator of the U.S. Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Mr. Alan M. MacQuarrie, in a recent letter to Mr. Paul Gregory writes:

"It is my very great pleasure to be able to let you know that from the standpoint of the Trust Territory local administration the new Mizpah High School on Moen Island is proving itself to be a constructive influence in the community of the Truk District.

"The physical plant itself, molded into the hillside in an area of great beauty, built with several innovations, sets a good example to the rest of the

ership of Principal Paul Marshall, the great majority of the people who built the school were Trukese, who incidentally were paid nominal salaries only, considerably under the going wage scale. This is not a school built by an outside contractor, but can be called Micronesian. This identity with the local people is certain to extend the influence of the school.

"The first few weeks of the school have set a constructive tone to the Community, reflected in the behavior of the student body.

"I just want to let the Board and those who contributed to its success know that Mizpah High School is off to a good start and is a fine institution of which they

C H R O N I C L E

ARRIVALS FROM THE FIELD

CEYLON

Mrs. Sydney K. Bunker of Jaffna College, Vaddukoddai, in October. Dr. Bunker, on special assigment in higher education in India for some months, will join her by March 1967.

GHANA

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Theodore C. Braun of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Seminary in Peki Blengo, in September, on the completion of a three-year term.

INDIA

Dr. and Mrs. Edward C. Riggs of Kilanjunai, in the Ramnad District, in November, with their four children.

JAPAN

Mrs. Floyd L. Roberts of Kobe College, Nishinomiya, in late October, for furlough with a view to retirement, after twenty-eight years of service in Japan.

TURKEY

Miss Margaret Conant of Izmir, in November, on the completion of two years as a volunteer social welfare worker at the American Collegiate Institute.

Miss J. Antoinette Hondelink of Izmir, in November, on the completion of a year at the American Collegiate Institute.

Mrs. Harriett C. James of Üsküdar, Istanbul, in October, on the completion of a year at the American Academy for Girls.

DEPARTURES FOR THE FIELD

JAPAN

Mr. Lee C. Dunkle, in October, reappointed for a Short Term of three years at the Iwakura High School of Doshisha University in Kyoto.

TURKEY

Mrs. Fred B. Huebenthal, in October, to continue her service in the Mission Business Office in Istanbul.

Miss Margaret Lane, in August, to serve an additional fourth year as librarian at the American Academy for Girls in Istanbul.

PHILIPPINES

Dr. and Mrs. Alexander J. Grant, in November, via Europe and Southeast Asia, to resume work in Manila.

NEW APPOINTEES

HONDURAS

Miss B. Pauline Bloomer of Greeley, Colorado, on December 1st, for a year's service with the Association of Evangelical Institutions in Honduras.

INDIA

Mr. Michael C. Lockwood of Milton, Massachusetts, in October, for three years as a teacher of philosophy at Madras Christian College in Tambaram, South India.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Schurr of Kobe, Japan, a daughter, Robin Lee, on August 26, 1966.

To the Rev. and Mrs. Eugene R. Braun of Quito, Ecuador, a son, Emil Eugene, on September 11, 1966.

To the Rev. and Mrs. Trevor L. Watt of Brisbane, Australia, under appointment to Tainan Theological College, Taiwan, a son, David Michael, on September 22, 1966 in Brisbane.

To the Rev. and Mrs. J. Kenneth Trauger of San Pedro Sula, Honduras, son, Alan Raymond, on September 30, 1966.

To the Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence C. Gilley of the South Africa Mission at Ifafa, a son, Jon Lyle, on October 29, 1966.

To Dr. and Mrs. Russell J. Bunai, Jr., of Adidome, Ghana, a son, Peter Luke, on November 13, 1966.

To the Rev. and Mrs. Robert H. Tucker of Talas, Turkey, a son, Andrew Wesley, on November 29, 1966, at the Gaziantep Hospital.

To Rev. and Mrs. David A. Buchan of Chikore, Rhodesia, a daughter, Jessica Carol, on November 29, 1966.

DEATHS

Miss M. Magdalene Kroehler, R.N.
Central India 1930-1952) 33 years
Honduras 1955-1966)
Died: September 17, 1966, Detroit, Michigan. Aged 59

Superintendent of Nursing at the Chandkhuri Leprosy Hospital in Baitalpur, India, and at the Mission Hospital in Tilda, and director of the Tilda School of Nursing.

While stationed in San Pedro Sula, in charge of mobile health clinics in rural areas of Central Honduras, at Concepcion del Norte, Pinalejo and Yoro, treating patients and teaching public hygiene. Treasurer of the Honduras Missionary Association and of the Honduras Board of Christian Institutions.

Miss Harriet Conant Norton
Near East 1905-1945,40 years
Died: September 21, 1966, Claremont, California Aged 92

Teacher, counselor, and for seventeen years one of the mainstays of the Girls' Seminary in Aintab (now Gaziantep), Turkey. Following the relocation of the educational work in Syria, she applied her long experience to the development of the American High School for Girls in Aleppo.

DEATHS (cont'd)

Charles Lupton Gillette, M.D.
Foochow, China 1912-1946, 34 years
Died: September 23, 1966, Claremont, California Aged 88

Founder and builder of two hospitals near Foochow, the Diongloh Hospital in 1914 and the Pagoda Anchorage Hospital in 1920, and doctor-in-charge at Pagoda Anchorage, he trained Chinese doctors and nurses for these hospitals, served city and village communities, and carried responsibilities as manager, treasurer, money-raiser.

Mrs. Watts O. Pye (Gertrude Chaney)
North China, 1909-1943, 34 years
Died: October 8, 1966, Waban, Massachusetts Aged 81

Wife of a noted pioneer in organized evangelism in Fenchow and environs, she assisted in the women's program and engaged in personal counseling for which she had a special gift; widowed in 1926; founder of the Oberlin Kindergarten School, the first of its kind west of Peking, she conducted the school and the training classes, and taught mothers as well as the children.

Harry Ralph Meyering, Ph. D., Ed.D.
Near East 1928 - 1934, 6 years
Died: October 11, 1966, Mankato, Minnesota Aged 67

A missionary educator for a term at the American College in Tarsus, Turkey, his next contribution to the Near East Mission was as an educational consultant during his 1947-48 sabbatical leave from Mankato State Teachers College in Minnesota. In 1958, while in Africa studying educational systems, he surveyed the Board's work in the Rhodesia Mission. Two sons also served short terms in Turkey.

The Rev. Herbert E.B. Case
Guam 1905-1910)
American Board Staff 1911-1942) 37 years
Died: November 24, 1966, Auburndale, Massachusetts Aged 89

After five years of work among the people of Guam shortly after that island became a United States possession through the war with Spain, Mr. Case served in the offices of the American Board in Boston; he established and kept up a card system for records and statistics of the Board's work and its personnel; he made visa arrangements and was clerk of the Foreign Department and Cabinet.

DEATHS (cont'd)

Mrs. Henry A. Stick (Bertha Hasenpflug)
South Africa 1912-1949, 37 years
Died: November 28, 1966, South Amherst, Ohio Aged 84

After work in rural areas of Natal she and her husband spent twenty years at the theological department of Adams College; she trained the wives of the theological students in religious education, household managment and child care, gave simple clinic treatments in her work with women of Adams area.

Mrs. Ray E. Phillips (Dora Larson)
South Africa 1918-1958, 40 years
Died: December 3, 1966, Claremont, California Aged 74

With Dr. Phillips she pioneered in social service work in Johannesburg, concerning herself primarily with the African woman's role in society. She served as chairman or as board member of the Helping Hand Club, a home for young women; Talitha Home for Delinquent Girls, the Donaldson Orlando Community Centre, the Bridgman Memorial Hospital, and the Zenzele YWCA. She was president of the Transvaal Girl Wayfarers Association (Scouts), and taught at the Hofmeyr School of Social Work founded by Dr. Phillips.

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